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Alice Sundik, a first-grade teacher at Lyman Elementary School, reads to Isabel Enos on Spirit Day, March 3, celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday. (See more on page 8.)

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Church to cease services in spring

By ANN FISHER
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A final service will be held this spring at St. Stephen the Martyr Episcopal Church in Waterboro following a difficult decision made by parishioners last year to close.

Dwindling attendance and related finances were behind the decision, according to the Rev. Kit Wang, who has been the priest in charge since 2008.

Heidi Shott, head of communications for the the Episcopal Diocese of Maine, said it is up to the members of a church to decide to close. "The bishop can't close a church," Shott said. "They consulted the diocese."

The church's Bishop's Committee – similar to a board of directors – made the decision to close when members met in November.

The last service is scheduled for May 3. "They've given them-

selves enough time to think about what's next," Shott said.

Both Wang and Shott said it is uncertain whether the Food for Life pantry will continue to operate out of the building, which is owned by the diocese. Shott said a diocesan standing committee is negotiating with local nonprofits to take over the building.

Said Wang, "That's certainly the hope of the church."

"We are still very much in the hope St. Stephen and the diocesan leaders can keep it as a community resource," Shott said. "An announcement will be forthcoming as the date gets closer. Negotiations and conversations are moving right along."

According to Wang, St. Stephen has about 50 members on the books, about a dozen of whom attend services regularly. Wang said she is working to place members

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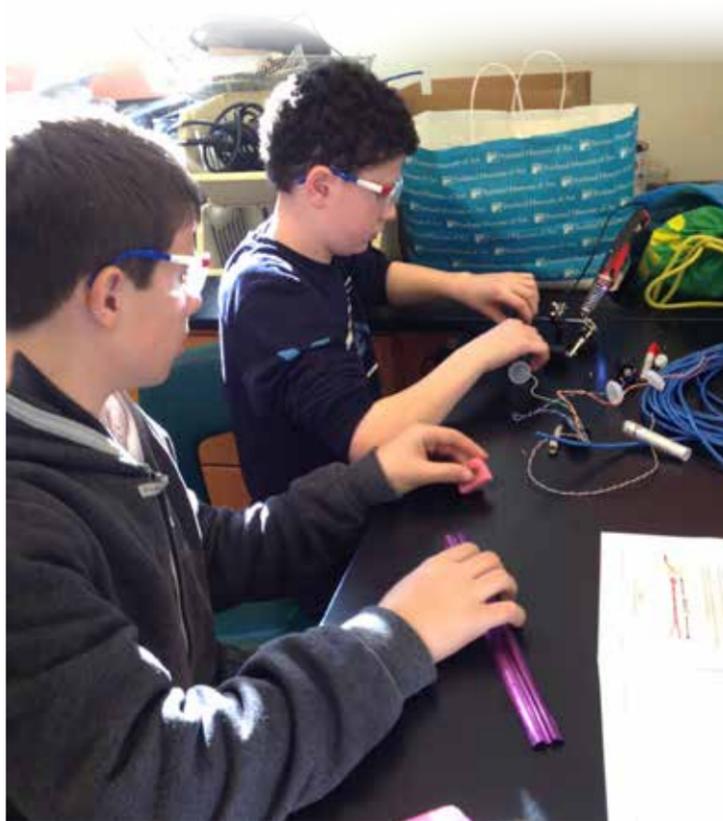
Submerged in science

By SHELLEY BURBANK
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Students from Massabesic Middle School recently built remotely-operated submersible vehicles that can be used for collecting underwater samples for scientific research. Volunteers from the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and the Submarine Engineering Planning and Procurement (SUB-MEPP) program – Dan Sylvester, Nate Hall, Martha Bowman, and Cynthia Worthing – worked with the students in Patrick Parent's science classes after school the week of Feb. 24. The students built SeaPerch underwater vehicles using basic skills in ship and submarine design and engineering principles.

"The next big push in next-generation science standards is to have students learn engineering and to work independently," said Parent as students busily soldered wires and connected batteries to PVC pipe frames.

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Dylan Tozier, left, and Keenan O'Rourke building underwater Remotely Operated Vehicles at Massabesic Middle School.

PHOTO BY SHELLEY BURBANK

Rural tales and potluck lunches

Three Sundays of storytelling with novelist Carolyn Chute

By SHELLEY BURBANK
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Parsonsfield novelist and Guggenheim recipient Carolyn Chute wanted to do something for the Limerick Public Library and, at the same time, add a bit of excitement to this dreary time of year when winter seems to drag its frozen, brutal heels through a cycle of snowstorms, slight meltings, and plunging temperatures.

"In February, it gets to be that inward time," Chute said, explaining her reasons for offering to facilitate a writing group. She said a writing group was a good reason for getting out and being around other people.

At the suggestion of Limerick resident Gil Harris, who had participated in a storytelling

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Community Calendar



Lilly Bickford, left, and Ava Gerard danced the night away with their friends at the Winter Jam held at Lyman Elementary School on Feb. 29. Some students went as their favorite rock star and others wore formal attire.

COURTESY PHOTO

Lyman Winter Jam a success

Music, laughter and the sounds of children having fun could be heard at Lyman Elementary School Friday evening, Feb. 29. The Winter Jam was definitely in progress.

In the gym, Students were dancing to music provided by Dave Gluck (DJ Dave). The gym had been transformed into a dance hall with giant glowing stars, streamers, disco balls and balloons.

A banner over a craft table read "What Does The Fox Say?" Children had an assortment of materials to choose from to create unique masks to add to the poster under the guidance of parents, Sara Swenson and Tabitha Soule. A dessert table with a variety of goodies baked by parents was

a popular spot for the children, teachers and parents alike.

There was also a raffle of items donated by parents, local business owners and community members.

The PTC raised almost \$1,600 at the dance. The profits will benefit the children and staff by providing funds for trips, special events, school assemblies, supplies, tools and accessories such as Apple TVs, iPads, Kindles, books and many other teacher requests.

PTC members include Laurie Gerard, president, JoJo Dryden, secretary, Christine Gonneville, treasurer and a committee of parent volunteers who work very hard to put on special events such as this dance.

By Joy Spencer

DAR MARCH MEETING

The Rebecca Emery Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will be meeting on Saturday, March 8 at 1 p.m. at Christ Church, 6 Dane St., Kennebunk. The program will be "Celebrating the 100 year Anniversary of Mother's Day," presented by Helen Newton. Refreshments will be served, and there will be a business meeting to follow. Call 324-6202 for more information.

YORK COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

will meet Wednesday, March 12 in the York County Courthouse at 7 p.m. Ken Quinn will be presenting information on Article V of the Constitution: "Using the Power of the States to Curtail the Abuse of Power by Washington, D.C." The county convention will be discussed, the municipal caucuses and candidate recruitment.

MUSIC AND DANCING

The Waterborough Historical Society will sponsor a dance on Saturday, March 15, at 7 p.m., at the Grange Hall, 31 West Road in South Waterboro. "Pard, The Countryman" will provide American Country and Easy Listening music. Admission is \$15 per person, BYOB, no one under 21 admitted. Set-ups and snacks will be available. Tickets can be purchased at Woodsome's Feeds and Needs, Route 202/4 and Woody's Sports Grille, located on West Road. FMI 247-5878.

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY DANCE

March 15 from 7 p.m. to midnight at the Newfield Town Hall with music by DJ Reggie Monroe. Tickets are \$10 per person and available at the town office. Proceeds to benefit Heating Assistance Fund. Purchasers of tickets prior to cancellation of the Feb. 15 Valentine's dance will be able to obtain admittance to the March 15 dance.

COMPOSTING WORKSHOP

led by Brigit McCallum March 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the old Waterboro town hall. The workshop, sponsored by the Waterboro Community Garden Committee is free and open to the public.



Alfred Elementary School Kindergarteners through second-graders designed capes with 100 items glued on to celebrate their 100th day of school on Feb 24. Some had stickers, teddy grams, pom poms, shapes and even sport cards. The kids had a parade to show the whole school there creative capes. COURTESY PHOTO

MEAT RAFFLE TO HELP HUNGRY

The Knights of Columbus is holding a meat raffle to benefit the St. Matthew Church's food pantry. Two prizes of 20 pounds and 40 pounds of meat donated by Sleeper's are being raffled. Tickets are \$5 for six, \$10 for 12 or \$20 for 24 and can be purchased by calling Thelma Connell at 793-2128. The winning tickets will be drawn at the St. Patrick's Day supper being hosted at the church March 15.

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

third Saturday of the month. Next dinner is March 15, 5:30-7 p.m. at the Goodwins Mills Advent Christian Church, Mill Building, Rt 35, Goodwins Mills.

TURKEY DINNER with all the fixin's will be served up by members of the Acton Shapleigh Lions Club, 4:30-6 p.m. Saturday, March 22 at the Shapleigh Corner Baptist Church. Dessert and drinks included, \$8. Handicapped accessible.

DAYTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

Tuesday March 25, 6:30 p.m. at the Harris Farm Ski Hut, Buzzell Road, Dayton. Open to all with an interest in preserving Dayton history. FMI 499-8224, leave message.

THE LYMAN REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

will hold its regular monthly meeting on Saturday, April 8 at 10 a.m. at the Community Library in Goodwins

Mills. All Lyman registered republicans and undeclared voters are welcome at these meetings.

LACC BOTTLE DRIVE

The Lake Arrowhead Conservation Council is hosting a fundraiser bottle drive to keep Lake Arrowhead clean and safe. Returnables can be dropped at JD's Package & Redemption in East Waterboro and tell them it is for the LACC bottle drive.

MASSABESIC LIONS

The Club is holding Bingo Nights on Mondays, starting at 6 p.m. at the Regional Medical Center in Waterboro. The club is located on Route 202 in Waterboro.

FREE MEALS KITCHEN

York County Shelter Programs sponsors Springvale Free Meals Kitchen at the Springvale Baptist Church, Main St., Springvale on Tuesday and Thursdays. Social time with hot coffee and treats is at 10:30 a.m., hot meal is served from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The Sanford Free Meals Kitchen is held Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the Masonic Temple, Elm Street, Sanford with social/coffee time at 10:30 a.m. and hot meal from noon to 1 p.m. Residents of any town are welcome to attend.

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St. Patrick's Day Dance

March 15, from 7p.m.-midnight at the Newfield Town Hall, South Effingham Rd., West Newfield. All proceeds to benefit the town's heating assistance fund. Tickets \$10 per person - available at the Town Office. Music by DJ "Reggie Monroe"

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Mustang Theatre heads to regional competition

By **SHELLEY BURBANK**
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Massabesic Mustang Theatre from RSU 57 will be heading to the Maine Principal's Association One-Act Play Competition Saturday, March 8 at Thornton Academy, when students will perform "No Exit" by Jean-Paul Sartre.

Preview shows over the weekend and Wednesday gave the actors and backstage crew a chance to practice the play in front of an audience prior to Saturday's competition. According to Director Stephanie Ross, the theater students will be judged on blocking, lighting, set design, acting, voice, diction and gestures. "Every dramatic principle they've studied," said Ross. "This is a really difficult play. I've had many of these kids since middle school, and they always want to be challenged." Ross said the students read and discuss a wide variety of scripts throughout the year, and they will bring plays to her and ask to do them.

The Sartre play is the story of three people who have died and gone to hell, which, it turns out, is a drawing room furnished in the Second Empire style. The characters can look out and see what is going on in the real world while also contemplating their situation and torturing each other for what looks to be eternity. In this performance, Jake Hammond plays the part of The Valet, who vaguely answers questions before leaving

the characters to their fate. Will Secunde plays Joseph Garcin, a WWII deserter. The role of Inez Serrano, a cold-hearted postal clerk, is played by Jane Pettit. Sommer deAguilar plays Estelle Rigault, a spoiled young woman who murdered her baby.

Alison O'Brien, junior at MHS and stage manager for "No Exit," said she learns as much from stage managing as she does when she has acting roles. "It is really fun. You get to see the growth of the actors and learn so much from working with Steph Ross. She knows so much about the business."

The technical director for "No Exit" is Josh Brassard. Peter Robbins is the lighting and sound man. The backstage crew includes Abby DeRosie, Jasmine Rouillard and Jacob Young. All members of cast and crew have worked hard on this competition piece, said Ross and, while they want to win, ("We're kind of obsessed with it," she said with a smile), the important thing is knowing that no matter what happens the kids intend to leave everything they have up on the stage. "We hope that every time we perform, we get a little bit better. When they leave this program, they know they've learned something about real acting and real life."

Winners and runners-up in the competition receive trophies and depending on how many schools compete, either one or two winners will go on to compete at the state competition March 21-22.



The cast of "No Exit" pose for a photo following Sunday's matinee performance at Massabesic High School. From left, Sommer deAguilar, Will Secunde, Jake Hammond and Jane Pettit. PHOTO BY SHELLEY BURBANK

CORRECTION

It was reported in error in the Feb. 28 issue that Newfield residents will vote on raising \$25,000 at town meeting for an addition to the public safety building. The amount is target-

ed for the Capital Improvement Building Fund. Residents will vote at town meeting about appropriating \$10,000 for a new addition. Last year, \$5,000 was raised for the fund.

ALFRED RESIDENTS NOTICE(S) PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, March 18, 2014 - 7:00 P.M. at the Conant Chapel

A second Public Hearing will be held to review revised proposed changes to the Code of the Town of Alfred as follows:

- Amendments to Chapter 146, Streets and Sidewalks
- Amendments to Chapter 105, Fire Prevention

Copies of all proposed changes will be available at the Town Hall at least 10 days prior to the Hearing.

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

March 18, 2014 at the Conant Chapel

Immediately following the Public Hearing

- Review of the 2014 Town Meeting Warrant

Thank You, Board of Selectmen

ATTENTION NEWFIELD TOWN RESIDENTS

Annual Town Elections / Meeting March 8, 2014

- Vote by secret ballot between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the Newfield Town Hall on South Effingham Road.

Absentee Ballots are available to vote in person at the Town Office during normal office hours.

- Vote on Warrant Articles at 7:00 p.m. at the Line School, 818 Water St., West Newfield.

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John A. Davis, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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Monday	March 17	9:00 am – 4:30 pm	Shapleigh	Shapleigh Memorial School
Tuesday	March 18	9:00 am – 4:30 pm	Alfred	Alfred Elementary School
Wednesday	March 19	9:00 am – 4:30 pm	Lyman	Lyman Elementary School
Thursday	March 20	9:00 am – 4:30 pm	Limerick & Newfield Line	Elementary School
Tuesday	March 25	(by appt. only)	Call school for appt.	Waterboro Elementary School
Wednesday	March 26	(by appt. only)	Call school for appt.	Waterboro Elementary School
Wednesday	March 26	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	All Towns	Waterboro Elementary School

PLEASE HELP US estimate the number of students we will be registering at the above times by completing the bottom portion of this form and by returning it to the elementary school located in your town before **March 7, 2014**.

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Feeding Honduran schoolchildren

Eight years ago, while on a mission trip to Honduras, a member of the York Association United Church of Christ mission team learned there were many children there not attending school. The reason? Their families didn't have enough money for food. Once it was time for the coffee harvest the parents would be employed again and be able to afford groceries. Until then, the children stayed home.

So the problem was explained to members of the York Association UCC. Would they be willing to pack buckets of food to be sent to Honduras? They would, and the program would be called the AMIGOS project (American Mission in Grace Offering Sustainance).

For the next eight years buckets were packed with acceptable foods and transported by cargo ship through customs at a port in Honduras, where it was then taken to Conception del Norte.

This past year Bob Kirton of Sanford, who has made several trips to Honduras, made another trip, this time to help with the project. Only it wasn't buckets of food, but locally purchased foods being handled. Actually, 9½ tons of rice, beans, chicken and hamburger. It was noted earlier that the children were not accustomed to eating processed foods with high sugar content. Buying locally would mean the purchases would be more acceptable to the hungry youngsters and also benefit the local economy. So money

for food was instead donated by parishioners.

Kirton's recent Powerpoint presentation in Conant Chapel demonstrated the donation process wasn't as simple as it appeared. It was necessary to hire a truck and drive to San Pedro Sula to see that each package was scanned and loaded onto the truck, with the temperature at 100 degrees. After the two-hour drive back to Conception del Norte everything is unloaded and stored in a refrigerated storage unit.

The food is then dispensed as needed to the schools. These are not like our local schools. Cracks in the concrete walls and floors were apparent in his photos. Smiling children in their school uniforms may be less advantaged, but they make do. Kirton said he and his wife had "adopted" a school, providing pencils, paper and the basic school equipment our own youngsters take for granted.

"The economy depends on the coffee plantations," Kirton said. "Most of the people are day laborers" who are hired to handle the coffee. The buyers arrive when the coffee has been harvested and bargain for the lowest price possible. Those low prices mean the cycle of poverty continues for the Hondurans, although the prices might be bargains for supermarkets.

Because the answer is education youngsters are encouraged to attend school and the AMIGOS project helps keep them there.

Village notes

The Alfred Historical Society will meet at 1 p.m. in Parsons Library on Tuesday, March 18. Bruce Tucker will speak on three generations of shoemakers, the Wormwoods who lived in the

Whicher's Mills area.

Saturday, March 8, is the next date for the acoustic country jam in the American Legion Hall. Donations are \$1 and there will be food and beverages available.

March 8 is also the potluck supper at Parsons Library at 5 p.m. Attendees should bring soup, chili, chowder or dessert to share.

The town meeting preview will be Friday, March 21 in Conant Chapel at 7 p.m.

Historical committee

During last week's meeting it was decided to open the new exhibit, "Make Mine Music" on Sunday, May 18. Musicians have volunteered to play on occasions when groups are visiting the museum. There will be efforts to increase publicity via the radio and newspapers.

Melting snow has seeped into the museum, wetting about one third of the carpet; it has been shoveled out but is a problem which must be addressed.

It was decided to research the origin of the recently donated large Civilian Conservation Corps photograph before sending it for restoration because an original copy in better condition may be available.

The committee still welcomes the loan of old musical instruments, especially wind instruments, for the next display.

Talking about wildlife

Upcoming talks sponsored by the Conservation Commission will include all that is happening in our vernal pools. Brad Zitske of Maine Inland Fisheries & Wildlife will describe the vast array of animal life in those pools. He will talk about the Blandings and spotted turtles visiting our back-



Chad Graffam was barely able to hold the fish (a bass) he caught during the Shaker Pond Fishing Derby. (See page 5 for derby results.)

PHOTO BY ALLISON WILLIAMS

yard pools and other critters. It is free and open to the public on Thursday, March 13 at 6:30 p.m. upstairs in Alfred Town Hall.

Those who had looked forward to Connie Studer's talk on tracking wildlife will have an opportunity to hear her on Thursday, April 10. The February schedule was postponed due to a blizzard.

News from the pews

The Men's Breakfast at the Cockpit Café will be held at 8:30 on Tuesday, March 11.

Evangel deadline is Saturday, March 15.

Pilgrim Lodge Sunday will be observed March 16 with the Rev. Bryan Breault, the outdoor ministries director, giving the message. Members of the Sunday School

will help plan worship. There are pulpit exchanges planned for Sundays during Lent.

There will be no Wednesday Forums during Lent.

The Women's Reentry Center needs sweatshirts, winter coats, jeans and suitcases. These can be left in Conant Chapel and Bruce Burnham will take them to the center.

"Painting the Stars" is the Lenten Series being offered Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8 p.m. There will be a 20-minute video followed by guided discussion.

It is still possible to sign up for the UCC New England Women's Celebration in Portland March 28-30. If interested check with Pam Burnham.

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Sienna Carbone, 1st place, ages 5 and under



Tyler Stinson, left, helps Alfred selectman Glenn Dochtermann weigh a fish at the Ice Fishing Derby held on Shaker Pond as part of Alfred's Winter Carnival. The derby was sponsored by Alfred Parks & Recreation. COURTESY PHOTOS

Derby winners

Fish houses, snowmobiles, and young fishermen and their parents dotted Shaker Pond Saturday, March 1, when the Alfred Parks and Recreation Committee held its winter fishing derby for youngsters.

The grand prize winner was Ashley Turgeon, who caught a 5-pound, 9-ounce bass. Besides the trophies presented to winners in each age group who caught the largest fish, there were tackle boxes, ice fishing tackle, bait pails, fishing poles and sleds won by lucky junior fishermen.

Trophies were awarded to those catching the largest fish in

each age group. For those 5 and younger, it was Sienna Carbone; Addie Crowley came in second and Jonathan Barber, third. For those 6-11 years old, Ronan Benson was first, Jaxon Lemieux was second and Hunter Emmons, third. Tucker Cole caught the largest in the 12-15 age bracket, with Kolby Bunker second and Meagan Lavoie, third.

Weather didn't seem to be a deterrent as 66 youngsters registered. Hot dogs and drinks were sold by Alfred Shelter Programs, with Chad Perry and Joanna Sylvester manning the refreshment table and taking care of hunger pangs.

By Allison Williams



Ashley Turgeon, grand prize winner



Tucker Cole, 1st place, ages 12-15



Ronan Benson, 1st place, ages 6-11



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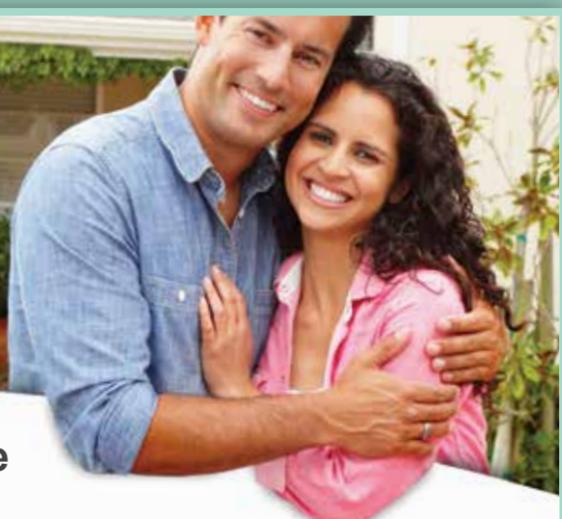
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BRIEFS

Support needed for Old Home Days

The town of Waterboro is looking for several volunteers for the Old Home Days Committee, according to Town Administrator Gary Lamb.

Ads had recently run to find volunteers for the committee; information in the ads implied the long-standing event might end if enough people don't volunteer.

At the selectmen's meeting Feb. 25 Lamb brought up the idea of bringing Waterboro Recreation staff aboard in an effort to keep Old Home Days going.

Individuals who are interested in volunteering for the Old Home Days Committee may contact the town administrator's office at 247-6166.

Budget, sand salt on good footing

Town Administrator Gary Lamb reported during the selectmen's meeting on Feb. 25 that the town has spent under 70 percent

of its budget to this point in the fiscal year which ends June 30. Despite the rugged and snowy winter the town has dealt with, their sand and salt budget remained on solid footing.

Lamb also mentioned that he has received multiple positive calls about the work that Foglio, Inc. had done in plowing and sanding Waterboro's roads.

Dance fundraiser at the grange hall

The Waterborough Historical Society will sponsor a dance on Saturday, March 15 at 7 p.m., at the Grange Hall at 31 West Road in South Waterboro. Pard, The Countryman will provide American Country and Easy Listening music for attendees' dancing and listening pleasure.

Admission is \$15 per person, and BYOB so no one under 21 will be admitted. Set-ups and snacks will be available. Tickets can be purchased at Woodsome's Feeds and Needs, Route 202/4,

and Woody's Sports Grille, located on West Road. For more information call 247-5878.

This is a fundraising event for the historical society that oversees or owns six historical buildings in Waterboro. The Society's mission is to preserve Waterboro's past for the future. Upcoming entertainment includes Time Riders, an oldies band back by popular demand, on April 19 and local band Bridge Street on May 17.

Audubon to host river program

Rivers are being restored across the country, bringing back large native fish runs, eagles and osprey, and a variety of other birds and wildlife.

In Maine, the Kennebec River has seen dramatic positive changes, and the Penobscot is poised to experience the same. Can this happen in York County as well?

The Mousam River is the largest remaining river system in Maine completely lacking fish

passage. John Burrows, on behalf of the Mousam and Kennebec Rivers Alliance, Maine Rivers and the Atlantic Salmon Federation, will present an overview Tuesday, March 18, at 7 p.m. at Wells Reserve of our local dams and rivers, the impacts on our ecosystems, and changes that might be possible.

The program is free, open to all, with no reservations needed. Meetings are held in the Mather Auditorium of the Wells Reserve at Laudholm Farm, 342 Laudholm Farm Road. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m.; the program will begin at 7 p.m. Contact Bob Watson at 251-1135 or see the website at www.yorkcountyaudubon.org for information.

Animal care program at children's museum

The Animal Welfare Society will be at the Portland Children's Museum on Saturday, March 15. A humane educator will give a hands-on program about animal care and handling with a shelter

pet from 10:30 -11:30 a.m. The Children's Museum is at 142 Free St., Portland (828-1234). For more information, call the Animal Welfare Society of Kennebec (www.animalwelfaresociety.org) at 985-3244 ext. 117.

Museum extends contest deadline

The Friends of Alfred Shaker Museum (FASM) has extended the deadline for submissions to its annual essay contest until midnight on Tuesday, March 12, because entrants could not find the "uploader" on FASM's website. Originally, the deadline was March 1; contest entrants had been asked to submit their essays through the website.

Entrants are asked to email their entries to Mary Lee Dunn Maguire at maryldunn@aol.com. She is a member of FASM's Education Committee and will confirm submissions with a return email to the student. Prize money in the contest totals \$350.



Roger Brock of Limerick and novelist Carolyn Chute organize some paperwork for a storytelling session held at the Limerick Public Library. PHOTO BY SHELLEY BURBANK

RURAL TALES

(Continued from page 1)

group the novelist led a few years ago in Kezar Falls, Chute contacted library Director Cindy Smith about offering a series of similar events in Limerick this February. Library staff were enthusiastic, word went out, and soon spaces were filled on the sign-up sheet.

"This is not a class," Chute emphasized to the writers sitting in a cozy circle of chairs at the first session held Feb. 9. The critically acclaimed author of "The Beans of Egypt, Maine" and "Merry Men" stressed that the group was for sharing stories and talking about characters, not critique per se.

The group met from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., stopping midway through to enjoy conversation and a potluck lunch, and the wide range of stories read aloud throughout

the session sparked literary and social discussion. Participants enjoyed voting whether they thought each story was fiction or nonfiction, noting that sometimes it was a combination of truth and make-believe.

Chute, who gained national exposure in 1985 with the publication of her novel "The Beans of Egypt, Maine," is a populist writer who explores the lives of rural people in America. Following publication of her first novel and a film based on the book, subsequent works – "Letourneau's Used Auto Parts," "Snow Man," and, most recently, "The School On Heart's Content Road," – continued to give voice to the oftentimes overlooked tribulations and joys and concerns of people who have been left behind by corporate America.

Fans of Chute's work will be happy to hear that a sequel to "The School on Heart's Content Road" is currently with her publisher, with a scheduled release date in November. In fact, the local writers who were lucky enough to sign up for the author's storytelling sessions had a unique opportunity to hear about what publishing is like down in the trenches, where, according to Chute, literary fiction is struggling to compete with more popular, genre writing. "It's all chick lit and dick [detective] lit," she said. "They just don't want literary writing anymore."

Following the last scheduled session on Sunday, Feb. 23, participants in the class were so enthusiastic about continuing to meet, Chute agreed to schedule another session in April so current stories can be expanded or new stories created and shared. Those interested in filling any vacant spots for the April session should contact the Limerick Public Library.

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SPORTS

Vigue wins character award

The accolades keep rolling in for Massabesic senior Nick Vigue, who was recently presented with the Class A Hobey Baker Character Award for varsity hockey. Vigue has been a member of the school's hockey team all four years and served as assistant captain as a sophomore and captain both his junior and senior year.

Vigue also served as captain of the junior varsity soccer team as a sophomore, a sport he played throughout high school, and one that found him at the varsity level for his final two years. He was also a member of the varsity lacrosse team for three seasons and, to try something new, he joined the tennis team as a junior.

In addition to being a perennial all-academic team member for hockey, Vigue, the son of Michael and Michelle Vigue, is a Class A hockey all-star and he was named to the tier two all-state team.

Vigue is an SMAA sportsmanship summit representative, whose vast hobbies include playing guitar and singing, photogra-

phy, snowboarding, wake boarding, long boarding, biking, slack lining, surfing and hiking.

He served as a representative at the Maine Youth Leadership Conference and he's received awards such as high honors all four-years, plus the St. Thomas Book Award.

As the senior class president and student council president Vigue has raised over \$1,000 for organizations like the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and the Alfred food shelter. He attended a mission trip to Guatemala, where he helped his team build a house, plant multiple gardens and plan a bible camp for the children. He was also part of the Adapt Physical Education class, where he worked and played with the mentally impaired four days a week during his junior year.

In the fall, Vigue plans on attending either Emerson College or Plymouth State University where he will study film production with the hopes of one day becoming a director.



Massabesic senior Nick Vigue received the Class A Hobey Baker Character Award for varsity hockey.

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HOOPS WRAP-UP



Massabesic basketball coaches recently presented their end-of-year awards.

Cale Thornton was named team most valuable player, Dawson Renaud received the coaches award and Dan Amabile was named most improved player.

Girls' varsity MVP was Jolena Lampron. The coaches award went to Monica St. Amand and the hustle award was presented to Chelsie Goodwin.

Spring sports sign-ups

Any high school students interested in participating in a spring sport needs to meet with the activities director, Brendan Scully, to sign up as soon as possible. Even if students have played a fall or winter sport they must still be cleared to participate.



Massabesic senior Cale Thornton (in green) was named most valuable player for boys varsity basketball.

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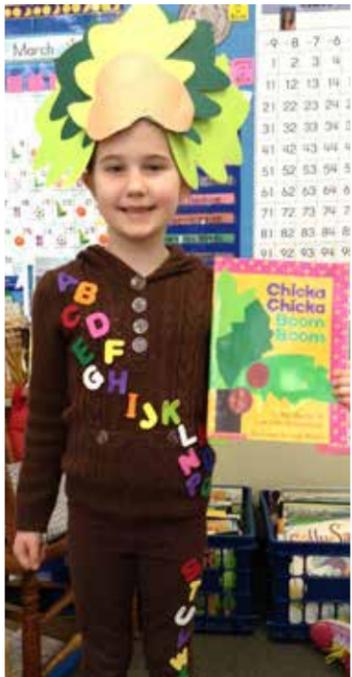
Students at Lyman Elementary celebrate Spirit Day at the beginning of each month. This is an opportunity for each grade level to choose a theme for that month. This month the first grade classes chose to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday on Monday, March 3 with a cake for the whole school to share. Many tall, striped hats were seen throughout the building. The first-graders requested that everyone dress up as their favorite character in a book for the day.

Monday was also "Read Across America Day" so many of the classes invited a "Celebrity Reader" to go into their rooms to read to them. At the end of the day everyone in the whole school sat down to read.

By Joy Spencer



Mrs. Richards's 5th grade class

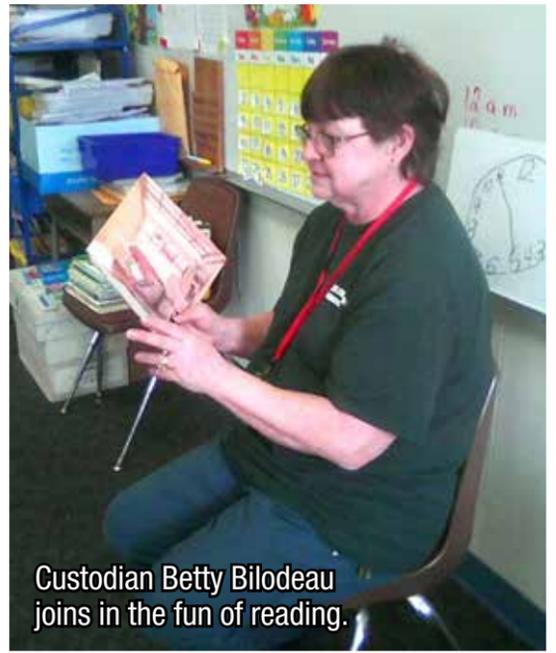


Kelsi Lang dressed as Chick-a-Chick Boom Boom.

PHOTOS BY JOY SPENCER



Principal, Kevin Perkins serving cake to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday



Custodian Betty Bilodeau joins in the fun of reading.

BRIEFS

Storytime returns

After a six-month hiatus, preschool storytime has returned to Lyman's Community Library. Every Thursday at 2 p.m., join Sarah Boudreau for a weekly dose of themed stories, songs, fingerplays and dances. Each session will be followed by a related craft.

Due to popular demand, the library will also be hosting a Fiber Arts Night more often every Wednesday evening starting at 5:30 p.m.

For more information, call 499-7114, find them on Facebook or visit www.lymanlibrary.org.

Save the date

The York County Shelter Programs (YCSP) is gearing up for its seventh annual 5K run/2-mile walk to end homelessness and hunger.

This year's event will be held on Saturday, May 10 at 9 a.m., 8 a.m. registration, at Kennebunk Beach, beginning at Mothers' Beach. Participants are asked to raise pledge money for YCSP homeless and hunger programs.

You can pre-register online at www.yorkcountyshelterprograms.org or call Joan Sylvester, 324-1137 ext. 105. The first 200 people registered will receive a free T-shirt.



Front row, from left, Emily Davison, Faith Ledger, Guiliana Mosher, Braden Daigneault, Samantha Hall and Noah Garland. Back row, from left, Caleb Talbot, Nathan Hall (Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Mentor), Pat Parent (teacher), Andrew Davison, Keenan O'Rourke, Zach Sylvestre, Cabot Bryant, Dylan Tozier, Winter Whitten, Martha Bowmen (PNS Mentor), Dan Sylvestre (PNS Mentor), Cindy Worthing (PNS Mentor), Melissa Brandt (York County Soil and Water Conservation District). Students missing from photo are Ethan Perreault, Andi LaRiviere, Maxwell Sweeney, Kyle Myers, Alaina King, Hannah Kimball. COURTESY PHOTO

SUBMERGED

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"The motor is attached to propellers that are all waterproof," said student Caleb Talbot who was working on a SeaPerch with classmate Winter Whitten. "They are waterproofed with wax. Toilet bowl wax, to be precise. The subs can go backward and forward, left and right."

"This is the second one we built, so we went a little bit faster" said Whitten.

The SeaPerch robotics program equips students and teach-

ers with resources needed to build Remotely Operated Vehicles (ROV) from kits. The kits include inexpensive, easily-accessible parts, and the curriculum teaches basic engineering and science concepts, problem solving, teamwork, and technical skills. Parent saw a demonstration this summer at a workshop and applied for a grant which provided some kits. Later, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard employees got involved, agreed to come up to the school to work with students, and the project accelerated.

"Some of the kids have al-

ready worked on how to attach underwater cameras and other additions beyond basic design," said Parent.

"It's a sewer camera," said Whitten, holding up the device. "I was just searching on Amazon and found it and thought it would work. It already had lights and was waterproof."

When Whitten and Talbot were asked if they were considering careers in engineering, both nodded in the affirmative.

Students stayed after school all week to work with the engineers and technicians who want-

ed to stress that the kids did the work--following an instruction manual provided by the SeaPerch program--while the adults were there for advice and mentoring. "The students work independently," said Cynthia Worthing who works in the Electronics Apprenticeship program at PNS. "It's a neat project from start to finish."

The ROVs should be ready to test by mid-March, and Massachusetts Health Resources has offered the use of their pool to test the SeaPerch vehicles.

LETTERS

Privacy policy

This letter is written in response to an article published in the Dec. 20 edition of the Reporter that made reference to the Acton School Department. The article contained incorrect information and was neither approved nor edited by anyone in the Acton School District. The article specifically named a member of the Acton school staff and her interaction with a young student. The staff member actually had no direct contact with the student regarding the incident, and the Acton School Department bears no responsibility for any of the information published.

It is the policy of the Acton School Department to have any releases to the media approved by the superintendent. In this

case, the superintendent was not informed of the contents of the article until after it had been published.

Please be assured that the Acton School Department will not approve press releases with names of students or staff that would in any way jeopardize confidentiality, which is of utmost importance to the integrity of the Acton School Community.

Thank you for this opportunity to clarify our policy and professional standards regarding the protection of our staff and students.

Judith Shain, chairwoman
Acton School Committee

(PUBLISHER'S NOTE: the information in the article was submitted to the newspaper by the York County Sheriff's Office.)

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CHURCH CLOSING

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with new church families at St. George in Sanford, St. David in the Kennebunks and St. John in Sanbornville, N.H., as well as other churches.

"My organist is in her mid-90s and has been a member for 50 years," Wang said.

Shott said the Episcopal Diocese of Maine has not seen the number of church closures as other denominations. Most recently, the church in Richmond closed last year. But, as Maine in the "grayest" state in the union, Shott said, "It was bound to happen."

Wang said the congregation had been responding to issues by trying to build a better mousetrap, but ended up "negotiating with the mice."

"Congregations everywhere do things very much the same way," said Wang, but people just don't attend church as much, especially in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont.

Wang added that Bishop Stephen Lane would usually agree to go on the record about the closure, but he is on sabbatical. Church members who were contacted either referred questions to Wang or

did not respond.

According to the church's website, St. Stephen was founded in 1938 as a mission, or summer church, when the cornerstone was laid on land donated to the diocese. Prior to that, a Sunday school was started in 1932 at the bequest of the mother of Helen Knights Brock, who winters in Virginia, but still worshiped at St. Stephen during the summer. The Community Sunday School first met in a local home before moving to the Waterborough Townhouse.

The Rt. Rev. Benjamin Brewster, then-Bishop of Maine, officiated at the consecration on Aug. 2, 1940. In the words of Bertha McLucas Smith, "It was an example of great faith to undertake such a large project in such a small community."

Smith Hall was added in 1955,

and the church bell, which once called children to class at the Hollis Elementary School, was purchased and the housing was built in 1995.

Finally, in 2005, the kitchen was refurbished "under the supervision of a committee, fondly dubbed The Kitchen Cabinet," according to the website.

The last communion service will be at 4:30 p.m. on May 3 and, depending what is decided, the building may be deconsecrated as well.

Wang said she plans to take a sabbatical and continue her education before deciding "what makes sense for me to do."

"We're sad," Wang said. "We're working with folks to deal with the loss and the grief and helping people find another church home to continue to have a church family."

OPINION
A conversation piece



by
Jon Simonds

March 7 may not seem like a terribly significant day to those of you holding today's copy of the Reporter, but did you know 128 years ago today the U.S. Patent Office issued patent #174,465 to a Mr. Bell for an invention he called the first practical telephone? It was described as a "method of and apparatus for transmitting vocal or other sounds telegraphically." It looked more like an oversized pipe, built on a flat wooden base you could comfortably hold in your hand while placing the mouthpiece in front of your mouth for talking, which Mr. Bell did. He spoke to a Mr. Watson located in another room with the speaker portion of the phone, emitting the voice of Mr. Bell, a de-

finitive moment in the birth of the telephone. So exciting was the success of this first telephone, Mr. Watson and Mr. Bell traded places so that Mr. Bell could hear Mr. Watson speaking into the telephone. There was no speaker in the part you spoke into,

or no mouthpiece in the listening device. Therefore, they could not speak to one another over the first telephone, perhaps modeling the device after the perfect marriage, where one person does all the talking and the other occasionally nods to show they are listening.

Through the 1920s, telephones quickly became a familiar fixture throughout America. However these were phones without dialers. You merely picked up the phone and found yourself on a party line along with an operator you needed in order to reach the party you were calling. Back in the Roaring '20s Americans were much more tolerable than they are today. After all, back then everybody was listening in on other people's phone conversations and nobody cared. Today, we hear there are people still listening in on other people's conversations and the whole country is up in arms. You'd think it was something new.

Phones eventually grew into private lines with tabletop models featuring rotary dialers. My son and I were in an antique shop not so long ago and he pointed to one asking, what's this? I told him it was a telephone and he wanted to know how it worked. I showed him how numbers were dialed before push button phones came along and told him all about the incessant ringing from folks in Florida offering timeshares and surveys and bill collectors threatening you with all sorts of nastiness.

Today's phone is probably way beyond anything Mr. Bell could have imagined. It fits in your pocket and carries your mail. It's retired your camera and even takes moving pictures. It carries thousands of songs and games and all sorts of useless apps. It tracks you, maps out routes for you. Tells you who is near and who is afar. You can read news, monitor weather and deposit checks with it. It's even turning the landline into a thing of the past, but for all its progress, very little has changed. There always seems to be one person doing all the talking while the other verbally nods with an occasional 'uh-huh,' or 'Yes, dear' just to let you know - like good ole Mr. Watson - they are still listening.

Jon Simonds is a contributing writer for the Reporter and lives in North Waterboro.



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OBITUARIES

Gregory R. Carter

Gregory Robert Carter, 50, died suddenly and unexpectedly Monday, Feb. 24, 2014, from an aortic rupture at his home in East Waterboro.

Greg was born Aug. 12, 1963 in Mt. Kisco, N.Y., a son of Robert H. Carter and Nancy Clarke Carter. At age 7, the family moved to Falmouth, where Greg graduated from Falmouth High School in 1982. He graduated from Trinity College in Hartford, Conn. in 1986 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology. Greg swam on his high school and college swim teams and served as an assistant coach for Falmouth High School, Trinity College and Bowdoin College.

Greg received a master's in education from the University of Virginia in 1990 and served as an assistant coach for the UVA Cavaliers Swim Team. In 2004, Greg entered the ETEP graduate program at the University of Southern Maine, where he earned a Master of Science Degree in Teaching and Learning in 2006. As an intern for the ETEP program, Gregory served as an education technician at Greely Middle School.

After completing ETEP, Greg taught fifth and sixth grade at Jordan Small Middle School in Raymond. In 2008, Gregory be-



Gregory Carter

as well as his brother, Steve. As the strippers left and the leaves changed, Greg's gaze turned inland and upland, toward woodcock and grouse cover. Following a tradition passed down to him from his father and his mentor, Ralph, Greg cherished the time he spent out in the woods scanning for birds with Steve, Mike, his son Jacob, his nephew Jacob, his brother-in-law Paul and many devoted spaniels.

Greg helped support his outdoor pursuits by being an active environmentalist, conservationist and supporter of several conservation groups. He enjoyed reading about a wide variety of topics including U.S. Colonial history.

Greg enjoyed spending time with family and friends at his "spiritual home" on Millen Lake in Washington, N.H., where some of his happiest childhood memories were made with family and treasured family friends.

Greg was a loving husband to his wife and a devoted father to his twins, with whom he shared his love of bird hunting and swimming. He enjoyed attending and watching his children's activities. Greg's extraordinary love and devotion were also clearly evident in the commitment he had and care he gave to his mother after she was diagnosed with Alz-

gan teaching eighth grade math and science in South Portland at Mahoney Middle School. In 2012, Greg began teaching sixth grade math and science at Memorial Middle School. Greg often expressed how honored and grateful he was to work with such outstanding individuals and educators.

Like his father before him, Greg was an avid fly fisherman and upland bird hunter. He eagerly awaited and anticipated the spring arrival of striped bass and the chance to head out to the beach and cast with his faithful fishing friends, Kevin and Mike,

heimer's.

Greg had an extraordinary ability to put people at ease and to be able to converse with individuals from a wide variety of backgrounds. He had a great sense of humor and he was well-known for his quick wit and remarkable memory. Greg's family will deeply miss and forever cherish his loving, kind, gentle, and generous spirit.

Gregory was predeceased by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Janet; his twins, Jacob and Emily; his brother, Steve Carter and wife, Nina Otterson Carter of Washington, N.H. along with their children Isabelle Carter, Rebecca Carter, Jacob Carter and Angela Lunderville; his mother-in-law, Marilyn Clark of East Waterboro; a brother-in-law Paul Lamoreau and wife Nadine of Presque Isle; uncles, aunts, many special cousins and friends.

A celebration of Greg's life was held Sunday, March 2 at the Alfred Parish Church, followed by a reception.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Gregory's memory to the Ruffed Grouse Society or Waterkeepers Alliance.

To leave a message of condolence for the family, please visit www.autumngreenfuneralhome.com

BRIEFS

Succession planning

Who is going to carry on your work on the family woodland or family farm when you're gone? On Tuesday, March 18 in Springvale, Rich Merk, president of the Small Woodland Owners Association of Maine (SWOAM), will lead a discussion on succession planning about how to plan for the future ownership or control of real property that you have invested in for years or maybe generations.

The discussion will be in the Nasson Heritage Room at the Anderson Learning Center (the old Nasson College Library). SWOAM, 3 Rivers Land Trust and the York County Farmers Network have joined together to present this program and invite the public to participate. A potluck supper will be held at 5:30 p.m. (please bring a dish for those who want to eat) and the discussion will start at 6:30 p.m. for those who only want to participate in the program. For questions call Carl Davis at 636-3709 or Richard Nass at 477-2607.

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